Have You Set Out to Become like Your Teacher?

When you made this covenant, did you offer yourself willingly and live as a slave of Christ, as He lived toward His Father? (Philippians 2:7)

 Answer: No (wrong) — Explanation: If your answer is “No,” it shows that you have not truly understood that you must willingly offer yourself as a slave of Christ, living in complete obedience to His commands.

To be a slave means, in a general sense, to be deprived of freedom and to live in the service and under the authority of someone else. In a spiritual context, being a slave to Christ means willingly submitting yourself to His lordship, living in total obedience to His will and renouncing your own autonomy. It is a conscious choice to recognize Christ as the absolute Lord of your life.

True new birth involves total surrender and a life characterized by continual submission to Christ, following the example He left us. He "emptied Himself and took the form of a servant" (Philippians 2:7), giving us a perfect model of humility and obedience.

If you are not living this way:

• You have not surrendered your own will. • There can be no talk of genuine rebirth, because the Holy Spirit does not dwell in a heart that does not offer itself as a servant and refuses to submit to the Lord. It is vital to understand that the new birth is not just an emotional decision, but a profound transformation, reflected in a life of obedience to God. This inner change manifests itself in a voluntary, total surrender that leads to sanctification—an essential part of the process by which our character is molded after that of Christ.

Scripture clearly states: “But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ” (Romans 6:22). Without this surrender as a slave, there can be no sanctification, and without sanctification, no one will see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14).

 Answer: Yes — Explanation: If, when you entered into covenant with Christ, you willingly offered yourself and live as His slave, in obedience to all that He has commanded, then you are following His example of humility and submission to His Father (Philippians 2:7). This means that:

• You have surrendered your will to live in His will.

• You live your life in constant, not selective, obedience.

For example, let us take a concrete study of Scripture's teaching on oaths and non-resistance. If the Lord Jesus commanded you not to swear and not to resist those who harm you, then, as one who has willingly offered himself to be a servant of Christ, you will apply these commands literally and practically in your life. You will not deviate to the left or to the right, even if you suffer, because you cannot engage in structures that require you to compromise these commands. Thus, if you are asked to enlist in structures such as the military, either in the context of a conflict or as a result of a legal obligation, you will remain faithful to Christ's commands, refusing to participate in violence or take oaths, even at the cost of suffering or loss of rights.

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